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and 1928-29 are annexed.[a] Information for the year 1929-30 is not available; grants for this year have not yet been distributed.

(b) The budget provision for the current year is intended for the payment of a grant of Rs. 3 a month in aid of the boarding charges of each pupil residing in an Indian orphanage or boarding home for destitute children. The rules in the Grant-in-Aid Code have recently been amended so as to provide for the payment of this grant and the amendment has been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*

(c) The establishment of Indian orphanages is encouraged by the payment of boarding grants on behalf of the pupils residing in them. The grant has been raised to Rs. 3 a month for each child from the current year.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to the reply to clause (c) of my question, have the Government found on enquiry whether this Rs. 3 a month is sufficient for each child, and whether at least Rs. 5 is not necessary ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Considering the original grant was Rs. 0-6-9 for a pupil, I should think that with Rs. 3 a month they should be much better off than formerly."

Tours

Tours of the hon. the Chief Minister.

*304 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the tours the hon. the Minister undertook since the beginning of this year, the places which he visited, and the nature of the official work he did in those places ;

(b) whether he did any party or propaganda work during those tours, and

(c) if so, whether he paid for those parts of the tours from his own pocket, and if not, why not ?

A.—(1) Vellore, Pallikonda, Kuppam and Bhattuvaripalli.
(2) Cuddalore and Panruti.
(3) Palacole, Narsapur, Ichchapuram, Parlakimedi and Waltair.
(4) Trichinopoly and Kattuputtur.
(5) Ootacamund.
(6) Tiruttani, Sholinghur, Chittoor, Ambur and Arcot.
(7) Vizagapatam, Simhachalam, Rambha, Aska, Chatrapur, Berhampur, Chicacole, Vizianagram, Bimlipatam and Waltair.
(8) Koilpatti.
(9) Ootacamund to Madras and back (for Elementary Education Conference).
(10) Palghat, Sankaridrug, Tenkasi, Courtallam, Papanasam, Tiruchendur, Tinnevelly, Ramnad, Tanjore, Mannargudi, Kuthanallur, Tiruvarur, Trichinopoly, Srirangam, Lalgudi, Musiri and Madras.

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The hon. Minister visited the institutions connected with the departments under his charge and received representations from local bodies and the managements of educational institutions.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to clause (*b*) of my question, may I know whether he did any party or propaganda work during those tours? Evidently, the question has been omitted to be answered."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The answer to clause (*b*) is ' no '."

Excise

Sale of foreign liquors by Messrs. Shanmugam & Co. of Tenkasi.

* 305 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Messrs. Shanmugam & Co. of Tenkasi, Tinnevelly district, are the sole dealers of foreign liquors for the whole of Tenkasi taluk ;

(*b*) the reasons why foreign liquors are being licensed to be sold in this taluk although the Government have stopped the sale of country liquor in that taluk for the past five years and have extended the period of prohibition for two more years ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the said Shanmugam & Co. are selling each liquor bottle at a profit of Rs. 3 and whether they are profiteering at the expense of the consumers of foreign liquors there ;

(*d*) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that on the plea of permitting this licence for foreign liquor, they compel the consumers to pay more for drink ; and

(*e*) what steps the Government propose to take regarding this matter ?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) The Government have no information on the points but have called for it.

(*b*) In this taluk only the arrack shops have been closed as an experimental measure.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The Government, as stated, have called for a report on the matters referred to in clauses (*a*) and (*c*) of the question.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI.—" With reference to clause (*a*) of my question, may I know whether the Government will be pleased to place the information on the table of the House ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" That suggestion will be considered."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know if the Government will be pleased to put down the evil referred to in clause (*c*) of my question ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I do not appreciate where the evil lies there."